

N.C.R.M. Prayer

"Through the intercession of Our Leader, Jesus Christ, in Whose Name we strive for the salvation of the countryside, we pray that the fire of Christian life which we have enkindled, may consume the land, sweeping away every remnant of selfishness, of discord and of despair. May it create a new Australia, of men and women who have Faith in the land, Hope in the Movement, and Charity in everything.

"Mary, Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia, bless our endeavours to restore this fair countryside of yours and ours to Christ — Lord of the land and Leader of men."

SAY THIS PRAYER DAILY
FOR THE N.C.R.M.

HOW TO JOIN THE N.C.R.M.

You may become a member by signing a Bank Order for £1 or by paying a cash amount of £1. "Rural Life," the monthly organ of the N.C.R.M., is sent to all financial members.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC RURAL MOVEMENT

WHAT WE STAND FOR

*"To restore Christ to the
Countryside . . . and the
Countryside to Christ."*

National Headquarters:
16 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy, Vic.

DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, 100, GAILLARD ST.
ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE

THE RURAL GROUP IN THE COUNTRY DISTRICT

The Rural Group is the basic unit of organisation in a particular parish or district for the promotion of the objectives of the N.C.R.M.

It exists to perform every kind of work which is necessary to keep people on the land and to help them live a full Christian life there

The Rural Group is -

- **A Centre of Education**

Giving its members a complete education in the attitude of the Rural Movement to the land and its problems: to immigration: to economic affairs: to national and international issues.

- **A Centre of Settlement**

Assisting more people to settle on the land: making use of all available resources and technical services to ensure full development of cultivable land.

- **A Centre of Community Action**

Co-operating with the appropriate authorities such as Shire Councils, political organisations, farmers' organisations, local government bodies, in urging the provision of necessary amenities such as roads, communications, electricity, churches, schools, health centres, recreational and cultural centres.

- **A Centre of Public Service**

Urging investment of public funds in the development of agriculture and its ancillary industries.

- **A Centre of Spiritual Training**

Instilling in its members a deep conviction of their vocation as farmers, of their apostolate to the land and to the man and woman of the land, and of the universal charity which underlies all their efforts.

DECENTRALISATION

Of Population,
Industry,
Government,
Social Institutions.
Full development of resources.
Industries processing local products.

MIGRATION

A goal of 20,000,000 people by 1975.
British and European settlers
Family groups
Sound assimilation
Decentralisation

LAND SETTLEMENT

Full use of fertile land
100,000 new farms to feed Australia's
20,000,000 people.
Planned settlements of old and new
Australians.

STRONG RURAL COMMUNITIES

Adequate medical care
Facilities for social, cultural and sport-
ing activities.
Local government.

**EDUCATION FOR COUNTRY
LIVING**

Teaching of rural and technical subjects
to future farmers.
Teaching of domestic arts and crafts.
More Agricultural Colleges.
Adult Education facilities.
Well equipped libraries.

STRONG FAMILY LIFE

Knowledge and practice of Christianity.
Comfortable homes with essential
amenities.
The home — centre of family life and
entertainment.
Domestic help for mothers.
Family farm ownership.

CO-OPERATIVES

State Co-operative legislation.
Credit Societies.
Consumer Co-operatives.
Producer Co-operatives.
Community Co-operatives.

SCIENTIFIC FARMING

Pasture improvement.
Extension of irrigation.
Fodder conservation.
Prevention of soil erosion.
Modern machinery.
Afforestation.